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SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAMESE POLITBURO MEMBER LE DUC THO
PRIVATE VISIT TO FRANCE

1. QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIA FROMENT-MEURICE TOLD US
NOVEMBER 8 THAT NORTH VIETNAM/POLITBURO MEMBER LE DUC
THO IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT FRANCE ON A PRIVATE VISIT
AT THE INVITATION OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY SECRET-
ARY GENERAL MARCHAIS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 18. NO DEPART-
URE DATE WAS GIVEN. THO WILL BE TAKING A SPECIAL
CIVILIAN IL 18 TEAM PLANE FROM HANOI PASSING THROUGH
PEKING, IRKOUTSK AND MOSCOW. QUAI OFFICIALS SAID THAT
THO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PARTY OF 12. FRENCH SAID THAT
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THEY HAD ACQUIRED THIS INFORMATION AS A RESULT OF VISA

APPLICATIONS AND REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES AND
THE INFORMATION HAD NOT YET BEEN RELEASED PUBLICLY BY
THE DRV.

2. FRCMENT-MEURICE SAID THAT THEY HAD HEARD THAT THO
WOULD PROFIT FROM THIS VISIT TO TRY TO TALK WITH
SECRETARY KISSINGER. WE NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY'S
SCHEDULE CALLED FOR HIM TO BE FAR FROM PARIS DURING
THE PERIOD OF THO'S VISIT.
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